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1. SUMMARY. NEW GOVT MARKED FIRST MONTH IN OFFICE TODAY WITH SPEECH BY JUNTA PRES PINOCHET IN WHICH HE REITERATED RATIONALE FOR SEPT 11 ACTION AND URGED SELF-SACRIFICE BY ALL FOR NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION. PRESS REPORTS CONTINUED ABOUT ISOLATED EXTREMIST ACTIVITIES. PDC LEADERS MET OCT 10 WITH JUNTA. END SUMMARY.

2. RELATIVELY SHORT (BY CHILEAN STANDARDS) 35 MINUTE SPEECH TO NATION MARKING ONE MONTH SINCE PRONUNCIAMIENTO WAS DELIVERED IN NOONTIME CEREMONY AT DIEGO PORTALES (FORMERLY UNCTAD) BUILDING BEFORE ASSEMBLED JUNTA, CABINET, DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND OTHER GUESTS BY JUNTA PRES PINOCHET. ARMY CINC DESCRIBED SEPT 11 ACTION AS NECESSARY TO SAVE CHILE FROM ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CHAOS AND THREAT OF UP-INSPIRED CIVIL WAR AND AS FULFILLING RESPONSIBILITY OF ARMED FORCES AND CARABINEROS. STATING THAT "FAILURE OF OUR DREAM WILL BE THE END OF CHILE,"

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PINOCHET PLEDGED COMPLETE DEDICATION OF MILITARY TO TASK OF

NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION AND URGED NATION, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON WORKERS, TO UNITE AND DO LIKEWISE. IN CROMWELLIAN VEIN WHICH CHARACTERIZES MOST JUNTA MESSAGES, HE ALSO ASSERTED NEED FOR SPIRITUAL AND MORAL REFORM AND STRESSED SACRIFICES WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY ALL.

3. PINOCHET'S SPEECH WAS INTERRUPTED REPEATEDLY BY APPLAUSE. LOUDEST WERE PREDICTABLE OVATIONS FOR HIS PRAISE OF CHILEAN MOTHERS AND FOR WIVES OF SOLDIERS, AND FOR HIS PROMISE THAT THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMES IN THE LAST ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT GO UNPUNISHED. PINOCHET EMPHASIZED JUNTA INTENTION NOT TO PERSECUTE INDIVIDUALS SOLELY FOR IDEAS BUT ONLY FOR CRIMINAL ACTS. HE PROMISED THAT NORMAL INSTITUTIONALITY WILL RETURN TO COUNTRY AFTER "MORE OR LESS LONG PERIOD" IN WHICH SOCIAL PEACE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAVE BEEN SECURED. INSTITUTIONALITY WILL INCLUDE NEW CONSTITUTION AND END TO "POLITICAL CHICANERY, SECTARIANISM AND DEMOGAGUERY."

4. SPEECH ALSO INCLUDED ASSERTION THAT CHILE WILL RESPECT ALL FOREIGN DEBTS AND REITERATION OF GOVT DESIRE FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT. "TRUE NATIONALISM," STATED PINOCHET, "DOES NOT REJECT FOREIGN INVESTMENT BUT ESTABLISHES NORMS TO REGULATE IT FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE NATION."

5. PINOCHET STATED THAT COUNTRY STILL IN STATE OF WAR OWING TO CONTINUED ATTACKS BY IN-COUNTRY EXTREMISTS AND PREPARATION OF THOSE OUTSIDE TO RETURN TO ENGAGE IN ARMED ANTI-GOVT ACTIVITY. OPEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTINUED EXTREMIST ACTIVITY HAS BEEN MIRRORED RECENTLY IN PRESS. IN ADDITION TO REPORT OF FRUSTRATED ATTACK ON SANTIAGO WATER SYSTEM STATION (REFTEL), PRESS HAS CARRIED ACCOUNTS OF OTHER ISOLATED EXTREMIST ACTIONS. ONE INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS MIR MEMBER WAS EXECUTED ON SPOT WHEN CAUGHT EARLY MORNING OCT 10 PLACING DYNAMITE CHARGE ON RAILROAD TRACKS NEAR VALPARAISO. UNIDENTIFIED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WERE KILLED DURING THEIR OCT 5 ATTACK ON MILITARY INSTALLATION IN CENTRAL CHILEAN PROVINCE OF ANGOL.

6. THREE MEN IDENTIFIED AS MIR MEMBERS WHO HAD BEEN SENTENCED BY MILITARY COURT ON OCT 9 TO PRISON TERMS RANGING UP TO 45 YEARS WERE KILLED WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE MILITARY PATROL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT WAS TRANSPORTING THEM FROM ONE CONCEPCION PROVINCE JAIL TO ANOTHER. SOME PRESS ACCOUNTS STATED THAT PATROL ITSELF WAS ATTACKED BY ARMED GROUP INTENT ON FREEING THE THREE. PRESS ALSO REPORTS EXECUTION OF AN EXTREMIST IN PUNTA ARENAS AFTER BEING SENTENCED BY MILITARY COURT.

7. MININTERIOR BONILLA TOLD FOREIGN PRESS YESTERDAY THAT WHILE POLITICAL PARTIES IN RECESS THEY WERE NEVERTHELESS

"RECOGNIZED AND (LEGALLY) RESPECTED" BY GOVT. PARTIES WILL BE ABLE TO FORM IN THE FUTURE AS LONG AS THEY ARE NOT ANTI-DEMOCRATIC IN NATURE. PDC LEADERS PATRICIO AYLWIN, OSVALDO OLGUIN AND EDUARDO CERDA MET OCT 10 WITH JUNTA MEMBER. STATEMENTS ON SUBJECT OF VISIT WERE RELATIVELY SPARSE, BUT AYLWIN DID TELL PRESS THAT GROUP HAD ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN POINTS RELATING TO NATURE OF POLITICAL PARTIES' RECESS.

8. ONE MONTH IN OFFICE OF NEW GOVT ALSO MARKED BY APPEARANCE OF LA PATRIA NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED BY NEWSMEN'S GUILD, USING OLD LA NACION OFFICES AND PRESSES. PAPER WHICH PURPORTS TO BE NON-OFFICIAL WAS REplete WITH PUFF PIECES ON NEW GOVT. REPORTED OCT 10 SUSPENSIONS OF ULTIMAS NOTICIAS AND TRIBUNAS WERE LIFTED BUT TRIBUNA UNABLE TO APPEAR ON STANDS BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS.

9. FERNANDO LENIZ, PRES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EL MERCURIO CHAIN, HAS BEEN NAMED TO REPLACE GEN. ROLANDO GONZALES AS MINECONOMY. GONZALES WILL REPORTEDLY BE SENT TO PARAGUAY AS AMBASSADOR (SEPTTEL).

10. POLAND ANNOUNCED IT WAS "SUSPENDING" RELATIONS WITH CHILE, LEAVING RUMANIA AND ALBANIA AS ONLY EUROPEAN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES DIPLOMATICALLY ACCREDITED.

11. ADVERTISEMENT APPEARED IN OCT 11 MERCURIO URGING AMERICANS WHO "ARE IN FAVOR OF PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION AND AGAINST ACTITUD (SIC) OF MR. EDWARD KENNEDY" TO CONTACT JEFF MYERS. MYERS IS 26-YEAR OLD AMCIT MISSIONARY REGISTERED IN CONSULAR SECTION, BUT OTHERWISE UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY. MERCURIO ALSO CARRIED PHOTO AND STATEMENT URGING THOSE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT MISSING AMCIT CHARLES HORMAN TO CONTACT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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